

Footsteps to Iowa's Future

Children truly provide the footsteps to Iowa's future. Advocates of quality early care and education have the opportunity to help shape the path for those footsteps. Important issues at the state and federal level that impact children and their families will be debated this year. The Day on the Hill will provide the kick off of on-going activities in support of quality early care and education.

Day on the Hill

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Hotel Fort Des Moines

Featured speaker is Ann Crittenden, an award winning journalist and author. Her latest book, *The Price of Motherhood*, is a widely acclaimed best-seller and argues that although women have been liberated, mothers have not. This provocative book shows how mothers are uniquely disadvantaged economically.

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**Raising Voices, Linking Hands for Children
Candlelight Vigil
4:00 P.M. – Hotel Fort Des Moines**

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

After a briefing, advocates will descend on the Capitol to make a powerful statement through individual appointments with legislators and informative displays highlighting early childhood program successes around the state.

Tuesdays for Tots

Tuesday, March 4, 2003

Caravan to the Capitol

Early childhood advocates will gather in cars and vans to proceed from the four corners of the state and converge on the Capitol together. The gathering will create excitement and concern about the issues at the state and federal level that impact children and their families.

E-Advocacy

Each week a message about the need for quality programming for young children will be sent to advocates electronically which can be forwarded to legislators. The consistency, frequency, and urgency of the messages will help shape the discussions about quality programming for Iowa's youngest children.

Check Off for Children

Advocates are proposing the Legislature adopt a check-off on the Iowa tax form in 2004 for programs for children. Funds would be directed toward supporting the current "Child Protection Centers." There will be a critical need to build public awareness about this activity in order to create as much financial support as possible for the centers.



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